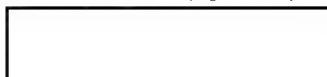


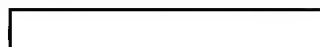
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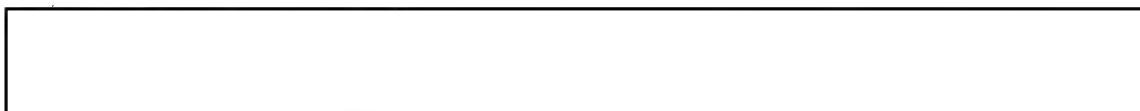


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*Belgium-Congo: Foreign Minister Spaak appears to be giving serious and favorable consideration to Belgian assumption of a substantial role in the direction of Congo affairs.

Spaak told Ambassador MacArthur on Tuesday that the military situation in the Congo was not too bad, but that the political picture was still chaotic. He indicated that Belgium was prepared to supply the Congo with enough rockets and ammunition to meet its requirements and said he would instruct his subordinates to start making the necessary arrangements.

Spaak added that he did not believe that any other west European countries would be willing to provide the Congo with military or any other kind of assistance at this time.

The foreign minister indicated that opinion was divided within the government over a proposal being worked out by one of his aides which would have Belgium assume de facto responsibility for administering the Congo. MacArthur, who believes that Spaak himself is inclined to accept some version of this plan, thinks the Belgians will reach a decision in the next week or so.

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NOTE

OPEC: The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries has agreed on a position that appears to offer a good chance for a settlement of their two-year-old dispute with the major international oil companies. In a conference in Beirut which ended early this week, the producing countries agreed to a new formula for computing the companies' payments. 25X1
The proposal will be presented to several companies in bilateral talks beginning 14 October in London.

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